APPLICATION PACK FOR THE POST OF

SECONDARY TEACHER of MUSIC (Starting at Grade 7)





Rong Qiao Sedbergh School

3 - 18 years • Co-educational • Day and Boarding • UK and Chinese Curriculum



Required in advance of the school's opening in September 2018



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Introduction

This exciting post arises as a result of a joint project between Sedbergh School International Limited and The Rong Qiao Group. Rong Qiao's vision is to raise the standard of education in Fuzhou and China, investing in building a leading K-12 international day and boarding school in Fuzhou following English and Chinese curricula from G1 to G10. As one of the UK's strongest boarding schools, Sedbergh School is a natural choice for Rong Qiao and the distinctive values and culture of Sedbergh School will permeate the new school.

A Secondary Teacher of Music (starting with Grade 7 on opening) for this new international school in China, Rong Qiao Sedbergh School, is required.

Pupils will also be starting in the Kindergarten, Grade 1 (Year 2) and Grade 10 (Year 11).





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The location and the school

The school is located in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, and will open in September 2018.

President Xi served as the head of Fuzhou City and Fujian Province in the 1990s and his vision for the province still exerts significant influence on local development, including development of Binhai New City, the location of the new school.

The development of local industry in the vicinity of the new school is generally high tech – big data, Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence, both software and hardware development. The levels of income for families are above Fujian Province and compare favourably with other cities in China.

The school is located at Binhai New City of Changle, a district in Fuzhou city within 20 minutes ride from Changle city centre and 50 minutes ride from Fuzhou city centre, Fuzhou International Airport, and Fuzhou Railway Station East connect to other cities across the nation and are within 15 minutes ride.

The prestigious and highly successful Education Division within Rong Qiao has a well-deserved reputation for quality education, demonstrated in their acclaimed five kindergartens in Fuzhou, offering dual language teaching in Mandarin and English.

The school's design is both generous in size and aspirational in design, on an area of 16 hectares. A unique feature is the Chinese Culture Center building.

The maximum capacity for the school size will be 2732 pupils, aged from three to eighteen, with a Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School and High School. It is expected that during Phase 1 the school will open with 320 pupils in September 2018, among which about 80 pupils into Grade 7.

Pupils will take examinations in IGCSE and A-level in preparation for accessing the world's leading universities.

The selection committee and Founding Principal are seeking to appoint an outstanding candidate who is an effective, dynamic and inspirational leader, passionate and knowledgeable about music education particularly within a bilingual/ international context. She or he must be an excellent teacher, and capable of delivering first-class outcomes for pupils.

As well as being a strong teacher, he or she will need to possess the collegiate skills of a team-player, and be capable of assisting the Founding Principal and developing music and wider education of pupils. Cultural sensitivity and great communication skills are essential.

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Key Tasks

The Music teacher will have key responsibilities including:

- Planning and preparing courses and lessons; teaching pupils, according to their educational needs; the setting and marking of work (including examinations where appropriate) to be carried out by the pupils;
- Assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;
- Promoting the general progress and well-being of individual pupils;
- Helping pupils to succeed in their learning tasks, giving them good experience so that they develop self-respect and foster personal maturity;
- Providing guidance and advice to pupils on educational and social matters:
- Communicating and consulting with the parents of pupils;

- A willingness to fully contribute to extra-curricular activities and trips and visits is important;
- Taking a full and active role in the wider life of the school, always exemplifying the values and ethos of the school.



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Person specification

The successful candidate must have the following essential experience and skills:

- A good degree and teaching qualification;
- Best practice as a confident and impressive teacher / communicator, in the classroom:
- Subject expertise including the 'mastery' of at least one instrument (in addition to the human voice) and experience in teaching this instrument;
- Understanding of the English National Curriculum at KS3:
- Experience of using IT and other technology to enhance the curriculum and engender a wide range of musical success for pupils;
- A willingness to bring excitement and involvement in musical activity beyond the classroom, through groups, chorales, bands, to orchestras;
- Be willing to set up and run staff musical groups;

- It is desirable to have experience of preparation of students for examination with the ABRSM (and other similar Boards) and at IGCSE and/or Cambridge A level;
- A commitment to continuing professional development for self;
- Flexibility in responding to changes to ensure the best outcomes for pupils;
- Experience of working in a boarding environment, is recommended;
- It would be desirable for some Chinese language skills, but not essential:
- Hold a current DBS (Enhanced) certificate/ or equivalent, if from outside the UK. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all colleagues to share this commitment;
- We are extremely vigilant in our recruitment procedures, aiming to ensure all those who work with children are appropriate to do so.

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS check or International Child Protection Certificate.





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HOW TO APPLY

Closing date: 10 January 2018 at 12:00 midday GMT

Candidates wishing to apply should:

- Visit the AMC website, clicking on the link 'Apply Now (for current vacancies)' and complete the online form.
- Upload a CV and covering letter to complete the application process.
- If you encounter difficulty with the online procedure, please contact: <u>nikki@anthonymillard.co.uk</u> or telephone +44(0)203 4275414.
- For an informal discussion about the post please contact Natasha Watson on +44 (0)7423 431132 or natasha@anthonymillard.co.uk.
- Applications will be acknowledged and then evaluated against the selection criteria.
- The letter of application (maximum one page) should contain the names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of three referees to include your current and past direct line manager.
- Full references will be required for the short list interviews but will only be taken when AMC has received specific consent from candidates to do so.
- Short listed candidates will be required to bring original documentation, proof of identity and certificates with them to interview.

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